

## U.S. intelligence agency mooted

BEIRUT, May 4 (R). — A powerful group of Middle East states has agreed in principle to establish an intelligence agency to protect oilfields from possible sabotage. Well-informed news digest reported today. The Beirut-based Arab Press Service (APS) said 11 countries approved in March the broad outlines of a plan to coordinate intelligence-gathering operations. It said the scheme provides for recruiting security agents experienced in counter-insurgency and seeking the cooperation of foreign intelligence networks. APS said it was based on a draft prepared by experts from Iran, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

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## No substantiation of report U.S. has agreed to limit missiles

DENVER, Colorado, May 4 (R). — The New York Times reported today the United States had reached a compromise with the Soviet Union on limiting long-range missiles and bombers, but President Carter said he did not think there was any truth in the report. The newspaper said that the U.S. had tentatively decided to accept a Soviet proposal to limit each side to 2,250 long-range missiles and bombers until the end of 1985. Asked about the report, President Carter, here during a three-day visit to four western states, replied: "I don't think so."

## Major breakthrough in package tour holidays on the way for Aqaba

By John Bonar and Alan Martiny  
Special to the Jordan Times

JORDAN, May 4 — A major European holiday company is in final stages of planning a major boost to Aqaba's tourism development, it was learned here today.

The Tjaereborg company of Denmark which has offices in London and the rest of Continental Europe has developed a tie-up with their local agent Shepherds Tours and Travel, for all-inclusive package tours from Europe of between 500 and 600 holidaymakers a week arriving in Aqaba, starting Nov. 1. The tourists would be flown on two charter flights a week, one of which will be operated by Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, and the other by Sterling Airways, a subsidiary of the Tjaereborg Foundation.

Sources close to the Danish company say that agreement has been reached with Alia on the flights and the plan is the full support of Jordan's Tourism Ministry.

A release from the Jordan News Agency today quoted ministry sources as saying this "new arrangement" would be "a boost for the city of Aqaba" and is the "first of its kind in Jordan."

However the final decision whether or not to go ahead will be taken by Tjaereborg head office in Copenhagen after a report from two Danish executives now in Aqaba, local negotiations are now underway with hotels in Aqaba to package tour rates. The Danish company operates a strict classification system and offers tourists the same basic package with price differentials for varying standards of hotels.

While agreements have been reached with Holiday Inn and the Alcazar hotel in Aqaba there is some resistance from a couple of other private sector hotels in the city to the package proposed by Tjaereborg.

## Gentle persuasion

Responsible sources at the Ministry of Tourism expressed confidence to the Jordan Times today that "with a little bit of gentle persuasion" these will eventually accept the price structure which is some \$3 below the rate the hotels would be charged per room-night.

The Ministry of Tourism wholeheartedly supports the move which helps to prove the viability of Aqaba as a potential international tourist resort. With the average Tjaereborg package numbering 550 tourists, 250 rooms out of Aqaba's total 500 will be booked, sold by the tour operators for up to the months of the year.

Initially the company wanted 700 beds in Aqaba but this is "just impossible" said a Ministry official.

Meanwhile with the approval of the Jordanian authorities the Danish company is preparing a brochure and a publicity campaign to sell Aqaba to Danes and other Europeans on the assumption final details will be agreed and the tours will start early this autumn.



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan receives gifts of the Holy Koran, in English and Arabic, from Minister of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif on behalf of the participants in a ten-day training and educational session of religious instructors and guides, at a meeting in the Royal Hashemite Court on Thursday. (JNA photo). (See Prince Hassan calls on religious leaders to preach love of land: Page 2).

## Arafat orders arrest and trial of attackers of French UNIFIL posts

front members at a French checkpoint Monday.

## Control

The commander of the U.N.

## U.N. asks Ireland for troops

DUBLIN, May 4 (R). — The United Nations has formally asked the Irish government to supply troops to increase the U.N. force in south Lebanon.

A spokesman for the Foreign Affairs Department said today the request, submitted by U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim in New York.

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## Known to us

The sources would not give the number, identity or nationality of those accused of mounting the assaults.

"But they are all known to us," one source said. "A committee formed by the PLO completed an investigation into the clashes Wednesday and south Lebanon.

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## The depth of Sami Esmail's bruises

Scratch a Zionist and underneath you'll usually find a compulsive liar when it comes to anything to do with Palestinian affairs. Two incidents this week are especially worth noting, and they make a lovely juxtaposition in the unending quest to discover the depths of Israeli deceit. The two incidents we have in mind are the dismissal of the Israeli military commander of the occupied West Bank, and the denial by Israeli prison officials that jailed American student Sami Esmail has been beaten during his stay in solitary confinement.

It is difficult accusing the Israelis in public of being habitual and compulsive frauds and liars, because Senator Henry Jackson and Senator Clifford Case -- of American Congressional fame -- will spring up like so many Jacks-in-the-box and recite long speeches asking for more Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union because Russian Jews are so badly treated. It is not graceful, in the world's code of hypocrisy, to accuse mistreated people of being liars.

But this week the Israelis have dismissed their top West Bank military officer because his troops used excessive force in beating up Palestinian schoolchildren in Beit Jala recently. When the charges were first made, many weeks ago, the Israelis denied them. But today we hear from the Israeli Defence Ministry that the original Israeli denial was untrue. Israel had lied.

So why should we believe the denial this week that prison guards have not beaten up Sami Esmail? If Sami Esmail were a Soviet Jew in a Siberian labour camp, would his accusations receive more attention and his case more notoriety in the Western world? We have seen this week that there is good cause not to believe what Israeli officials say, and we have an opportunity to challenge Israel's veracity once again, in a case where an American student is concerned.

Henry Jackson and Clifford Case, where are you when the world really needs you?

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Referring to the current tour of Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri of Cairo and other Arab capitals to clear obstacles in the way of an Arab summit, AL RAY Thursday expressed doubts as to whether the summit would be attended by the Steadfastness (Rejection) Front countries which oppose President Anwar Sadat's peace overtures with Israel.

The newspaper urges putting an end to Arab differences, since it says Israel has rejected the Egyptian president's initiative out of hand.

A completely new Arab approach should be made. It should be based on an assessment of the past and working out a unified strategy for the coming stage, the newspaper says.

AL DUSTOUR endorses Premier Badran's statement to the visiting Czech Foreign Minister Wednesday that the joint U.S.-Soviet declaration calling for the participation of all parties to the Middle East dispute -- including the two superpowers -- in a Geneva conference is the only way out of the deadlock in the peace process.

This clarification, the newspaper says, means that Jordan no longer sees any useful purpose in continuing the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations, which are revolving in a vicious circle, despite the efforts of Washington.

The newspaper notes that it is now clear that the American-Israeli discussions between President Jimmy Carter and Prime Minister Menachem Begin have failed to resolve any issue of substance because of Israel's refusal to pull back from all occupied Arab territories or abandon the policy of establishing settlements in these territories, let alone Israel's refusal to recognise the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### Comedy Theatre

The Amman Players' new production of 'The Bride and the Bachelor' continues today at the Jordan Theatre. The performance starts at 8:00 p.m.

### Flower exhibition

The sixth flower exhibition continues today at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel. Tickets (JD 2,500 each) are available at the door.

# Boots, boots, boots... Jordan's new factory turns out 500 a day

Text and photos  
By Ian Kellas  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordanian army will shortly be going on parade -- in Jordanian boots. The army has snapped up the whole of this year's output at the brand new boot and shoe factory set up by International Leather Products Co. (ILPC) close to the Zarqa motorway.

ILPC which was formed in 1976, is one of the very few non-Arab "joint venture" enterprises in Jordan engaged in manufacturing. And it is the only one in which ownership is shared exactly 50-50. There is nothing to prevent foreigners owning a Jordan based company 100 per cent but none in fact do. The foreigners in this partnership are the American firm Wolverine Worldwide, makers of those famous Hush Puppies. The other half of the shares are owned by the private shareholders in the partly government-owned Jordan Tanning Company.

The tannery is sited just next door to the JD 500,000 boot and shoe factory and of course supplies in with leather. The hides originally come from Africa. But they are cured here. The other main ingredient in a boot is rubber for the soles. The basic chemicals for this come from Europe but they are mixed and tested at the factory. Twelve different materials go into the final recipe for the soles.

The American partners played an important role in setting the factory up in the first place. But it is now run entirely by Jordanian management. And of course the labour is Jordanian.

Among the 70-strong workforce there are 35 women. There was no trouble at all recruiting them, Production Manager Issa Dafesh told the Jordan Times, because they were glad to find work so near their homes in Zarqa.

The ladies are responsible for the first part of the boot-making process at the factory, which involves sewing together the uppers. It takes eight separate operations before the leather cut-outs begin to look like the top of a boot. Each one is a skilled job and the factory has spent four months training its staff.

Once off the sewing machines, the boot top is passed along for "lasting" (moulding into shape), and finally for soiling. This all happens on some sophisticated bits of machinery, that look a bit like series of ooe-arm bandits.

It takes a single boot only 40 minutes to do the whole circuit and the factory is turning them out at the rate of 500 a day at the moment. But they are produced to a high standard. The final product is the same as the regulation U.S. military boot. The army is fussy about its footwear and a sample taken from the sole of a boot is bent backwards and forwards 25,000 times without cracking before it is considered good enough.

"There are other projects being thought of," Mr. Annab continued, "like tyres, for instance". A similar arrangement with a company which can guarantee the long term supply of rubber would be most advantageous, he said, particularly if one of the big tyre names from the West could be brought in on the deal. "Then you can be sure you have a market."



Boots stand at attention waiting to be attached to their soles.



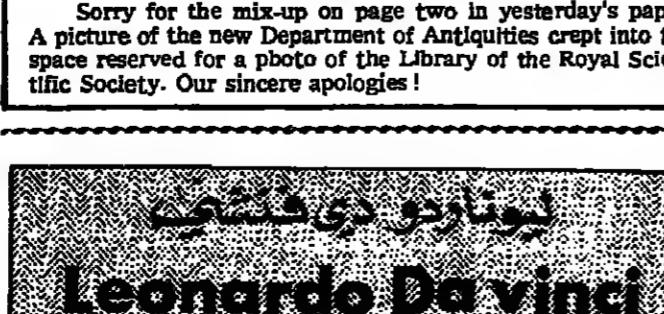
A 13-ton press is used to cut out the shapes in leather as the first part of the boot-making process.



One of the very few unmechanised jobs at the factory is slapping on the sealing on the sealing rubber before the boot is soled.



Half the factory's workforce are women. Three of them sort out leather patterns before sending them on to be sewn up.



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## King Hussein continues tour of southern tribes

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — His Majesty the King today continued a tour of tribal areas in the south of the country. He visited the tribes of Al Damman, Aniyeh, Haweitat and Albidou in the Petra area. During the tour, the King met with tribal sheikhs who briefed him on the tribes' social and educational needs.

Prince Hassan calls on religious leaders to preach love of land



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan receives religious leaders at the Royal Hashemite Court Thursday. Minister of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif, standing behind the Prince, looks on.

AMMAN, May 4 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today told the participants of the ten-day third training and educational session of religious instructors and guides, organised by the Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs, that Israel is continuing to establish settlements in the occupied West Bank. He added that Israel has exploited labour in the West Bank by choosing untrained workers to do menial work in the different fields of economic activity without giving them the chance to better their lot.

Since 1967 Jordan has spent \$1,000 million in backing the people in the West Bank. Prince Hassan pointed out that the Israeli plans must be foiled by retaining land and steadfastness in the face of a possible Israeli encroachment of the East Bank.

The Prince explained that the dangers threatening our brothers in the West Bank made His Majesty King Hussein call for an Arab summit to discuss the situation so that the Arabs may shoulder the historic responsibilities in backing the citizens of the Israeli occupied lands and the front-line states. His Highness called on religious instructors to preach love for the land and to draw the people's attention to the enemy plans aimed at forcing them to leave their land.

At the end of the meeting, Minister of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif presented His Highness with two copies of the holy Quran, one in Arabic and the other in English.

A number of scientists, university professors and Islamic religious men will participate in this session.

## Jordan Times 1978

### Tourism Supplement

The Jordan Times is publishing on May 11 1978 a supplement on the Jordanian Tourism Industry. This will include articles on tourism and hotel facilities, restaurants and entertainment, tourism development plans and interviews with key figures in the tourism industry in Jordan.

Advertisers and their agents are kindly requested to contact Middle East Communicators, Telephone Amman 42928 or the Advertising Manager of the Jordan Times to reserve space in this supplement.

In addition to the normal distribution of the Jordan Times a special print run will be distributed by the Ministry of Tourism as part of its promotion of Jordanian tourism.

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SERIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get together with your friends for mutually pleasing recreational activities. The new appreciation for devotion of loved one. Avoid one that could be a troublemaker.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Spend a little more money than usual on pleasures and derive more joy, especially one you love. Having a talk with a trusted adviser brings good results now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Plan recreations now for coming weekend. Know what your personal desires and how to gain them.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Get into community work that will gain you the favor of bigwigs and get good results. You are able to get ahead faster where your career is concerned. Be careful of strangers.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Plan that trip where you will be able to get the data you need. You can meet contacts that can be most helpful to you in the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make necessary payments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Talk over details with an associate and come to a better understanding easily.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your work will be better and will show more profit if you are more enthusiastic in it. Be more courteous with a co-worker.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Try something in the way of entertainment and relieve tensions. Get better relations with loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Do whatever will set you apart and add to harmony at home. Do some entertaining at home, but avoid spending too much money for it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Show partners how you enjoy being associated with them and gain their goodwill. Take care of correspondence you have been putting off for too long.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have good ideas at time and can add appreciably to present abundance, now whatever it is you now own. Take no chances with idy persons who are without principles.

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